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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I wrote NEVER AGAIN! in 1992. The publisher sat on it until this year. There were changes that changed my thinking. I suggest you should consider your belief that the man I then did not name was Quiroga. That entire direction is unlikely at the least. If not impossible, other than in detached theorizing.

I did not name Kerry Thornley for two reasons. One is not to risk being unfair. The other is that despite the firmness of two independent ^{pep} ~~investigation~~ identifications I had doubts. Chiefly I suppose Thornley's testimony that from the time he red-baited Oswald Oswald had nothing to do with him.

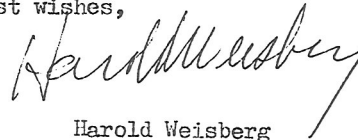
Dave Lifton knew and with his belief that no matter how nutty and irresponsible anything that pops into his head is, merely because it is his head he is always right, he engaged in a nasty campaign that was totally false and made my trying to carry that forward impossible. Lifton campaigned that Garrison and I were trying to frame his pal Thornley. Garrison had nothing to do with it and I was hoping ^{ING} for the exact opposite. I asked Fred Newcomb to see if a makeup man could have made Thornley look like Oswald. I believe the answer is no and Newcomb's later work proved that I think.

In spite of what Epstein and perhaps others wrote, Garrison had no interest in that at all and to prevent any of his people phonying anything up because he had Thornley under indictment I asked Newcomb, not any of his people.

Douglas Jones on two occasions and separately Myra Silver were firm in saying that it was not Oswald and likewise firm in saying it was Thornley.

Please feel free to tell Hal about this but I'd rather it not be spread because I have it in the Mailer book and although I do not think it will be published I do not want to foreclose the remote possibility.

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg